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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC	Welzow Airfield	25X1
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		
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1. Between 1000 and 1500 on 17 July 1954, no air activity was observed at Welzow airfield. There was a low cloud base, drizzle, and limited visibility. Fifteen to 20 aircraft with high elevator assembly, probably MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, were parked in the southern section of the field. A twin-engine aircraft was observed approximately in the center of the field. On 4 August, 16 aircraft were parked at the field. Nine of them definitely were believed to be Il-28s or Uil-28s. There was no air activity between 0800 and 1400.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 17 July, a radio installation with 2 masts was observed about 200 meters southwest of Rosendorf, approximately west of triangulation point 107.6. A radio installation with 1 mast and a radio truck were seen in the northeastern extension of the runway between the railroad lines. There was another set, which was completely covered by tarpaulins, probably a model AA 1 MK 2 set, as was inferred from its outlines. Another radio installation with one mast was located approximately on triangulation point 135.5. On 4 August, a model AA 1 MK 3 radar set was observed north of the northeastern end of the runway. Between the railroad lines was a radio installation with 2 masts and a truck mounting a set, possibly a searchlight.<sup>2</sup> The AA gun emplacement north of Lindenfeld was not occupied.

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1. Comment. Welzow airfield was occupied by a fighter regiment until about 23 July 1954. According to reliable information, the fighter regiment transferred on 23 July to Koethen. On 3 August a new air force unit equipped with about 17 Il-28s arrived in Welzow coming from the east. This unit probably was the first bomber regiment of a second bomber division of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.

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2. Comment. The radio installations and AA firing equipment have repeatedly been reported. It remains to be seen whether the installations will be changed since the arrival of the new unit.

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3. Comment. AA guns previously observed included 6 x 76-mm AA guns near Lindenfeld and 12 x 37-mm AA guns in the northeastern corner of the field. Motor vehicle                      is reported for the first time.

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